

REMARKS

Claims 13-20, 28, 29, 31-33, 36, 38, and 40-55 are pending in this application. Claims 13, 40, 48, and 55 are independent.

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted to amend independent claim 13 as filed in the Amendment dated October 28, 2005.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview, November 22, 2005

The Applicants sincerely appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Taghi T. Arani to the Applicants' Representative, Carl T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786, during the face-to-face interview conducted on November 22, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 40, 48, and 55 as presented on October 28, 2005 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Further, the Applicants' Representative and the Examiner agreed to specific changes to independent claim 13 that would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Independent claim 13 of this Supplemental Amendment is amended in the manner as specifically discussed with and agreed to by the Examiner. Thus, based on the discussions with the Examiner during the interview, Applicants believe that all outstanding rejections have been overcome, and that all claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance and that this application is ready for issue.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

In the Office Action of June 28, 2005, claims 13-29, 31-33, 36, 38, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement, and as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Based on the Examiner Interview, the Applicants believe that independent claims 40, 48, and 55 are in condition for allowance.

In addition, based on the Examiner Interview and as discussed above, independent claim 13 has been amended herein to recite a combination of method steps directed to a method for copy protection, including, *inter alia*,

generating a partially decrypted data unit, the partially decrypted data unit including two portions, one of the two portions is encrypted having a protection level different from the other of the two portions; and

transferring the partially decrypted data unit to a target device for further decrypting based on information used in the step of generating the partially decrypted data unit.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

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Since the dependent claims depend from the allowable independent claims, they should also be allowable for at least the reasons set forth above, as well as for the additional features provided by these claims.

Accordingly, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50, 786) at 703-205-8000 in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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